ADJOURNMENT MOTION.

President : I have received a notice for moving the adjournment of the House from Mr. John Kattakayam. The notice reads thus. It is a fairly long one :—

"I have the honour to inform you that I wish to move an adjournment motion in the Council to discuss the deplorable conditions of the tax-payers on account of the poor yield of agricultural products consequent on the unprecedented drought during the year and what is worse, the very low prices fetched for their scanty agricultural products insufficient to get the wherewithal to obtain even their elementary needs of food and clothing. Under the circumstances I wish to call the attention of the Government for urgent relief measures and I request you to be kind enough to permit me to move the following resolution :

"This House is of opinion that the situation created by the unusual drought and the failure of crops consequent thereto, and the appalling condition of the markets to fetch anything for the scanty agricultural products of the ryots to eke out their very livelihood, should receive the immediate attention of the Government and that relief measures in the form of remission of at least 50% of their taxes should be allowed forthwith."

As I have been reading this to the House, I am sure honourable members would have realised that this is not at all an adjournment motion, but that it is a resolution, given, however, under the name of an adjournment motion. I am sorry to say it does not fulfil the conditions of an adjournment motion, and I cannot admit it as such. However it is left to the honourable member who has given notice of this so-called adjournment motion to table it in the proper form, and the Chair will then be prepared to consider it.

REGULATIONS ASSENTED TO BY HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHA RAJA.

Secretary to the Council : Sir, I beg to report that the Travancore Court of Wards Bill, the Travancore Lunacy Bill and the Travancore Jenmi and Kudiyan Regulation Amendment Bill have received the assent of His Highness the Maha Raja.

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